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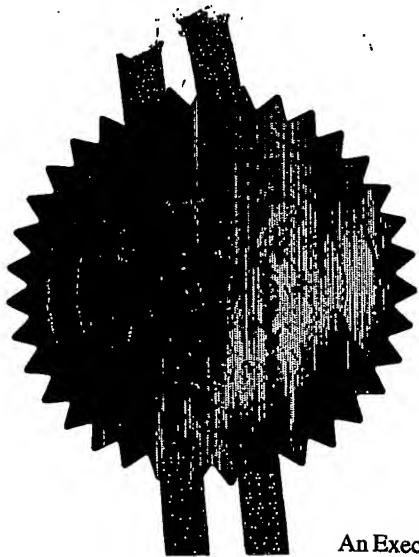
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Drinks carrying device

The invention relates to a type of freestanding self-supporting carrying device that holds a number of drinking vessels and/or drinks cans that is transported with the use of one hand.

Drinks trays are well known, but are not suited to highly congested drinking establishments due to their size and carrying position in relation to the drinks being carried. Often drinks trays are cumbersome when navigating through a crowd of people, as collisions are inevitable.

This invention enables the serving of drinks more efficiently and conveniently increasing the productivity for the establishment using the invention. It increases the ease of use for the carrier/customer. The invention also enables the option of preparation earlier before the point of sale.

Accordingly, this invention provides a method of transporting drinks from point of sale to a desired local destination. The centrally lofted tapered cylinder provides two important functions. One it lowers the carrying level below the hands centre of gravity increasing stability, and two enables stacking of multiple trays. The handle enables the invention to be held in a way that enables further use of that hand, as it only requires one finger of one hand to carry it.

Preferably the invention would be made from plastic, but may instead be made from aluminium or other metal, wood or wood derivative, resin or glass.

The preferred embodiment of the invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawing which:

FIGURE 1 shows a side view of the whole carrying device

FIGURE 2 shows a plan view of the whole carrying device

FIGURE 3 shows a side cross-section view through the vertical plane of the whole carrying device showing the handle and how it's attached

FIGURE 4 shows a side cross-section view through the vertical plane of the whole carrying device showing the side view of the handle.

FIGURE 5 shows a side cross section of the stacking position.

FIGURE 6 shows the 3 individual mouldings that make up the carry tray.

As shown in Figure 1, the drinks carrier comprises of a handle 1, a centrally lofted tapered cylinder 2, a free spinning disc 3, and base 4.

Figure 2 shows the plan view for figure 1.

As shown in the cross section Figure 3 the tapered cylinder 2 is part of the base 3 and is one continuous moulding, connected by the floor of the tray 5, which comes in direct contact with items being carried. The handle 1 is attached at the top of the tapered cylinder 2 by a glued push fit. Sandwiched between the handle 1 and the tapered cylinder 2 is a round disc 3 that slips freely over the shaft used to push fit the handle 1 to the taper cylinder 2. This can be spun around the vertical axis and it's use is solely an entertaining game for the user to play once the drinks carrier has served it's main purpose of carrying drinks back to a table. The disc 3 spins whilst the base 4 stays still on the flat platform it is placed upon.

Figure 4 shows the side view of the handle 1.

Figure 5 shows a vertical plane cross-section of 2 drinks carrying devices A and B. The two devices show the carry tray in its stacking position. The bottom of the base 4 of the top device A rests on the top of the base 4 of the bottom device B.

Figure 6 shows the 3 individual mouldings that are assembled to produce a working carry tray.

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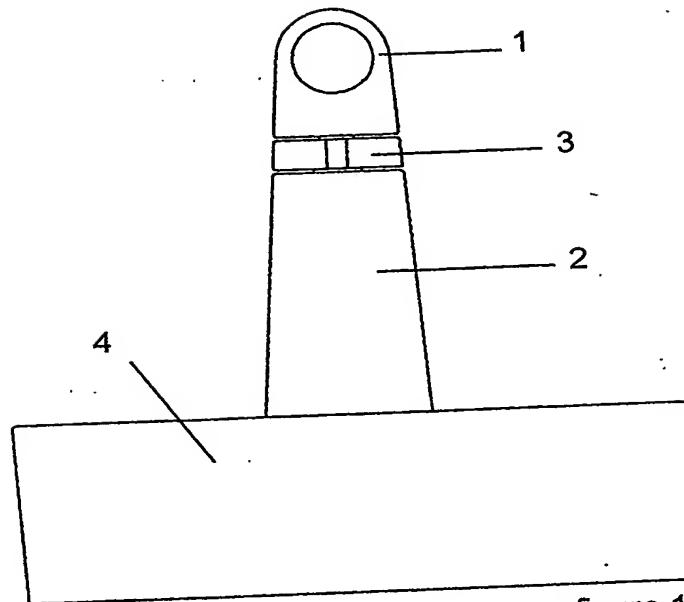


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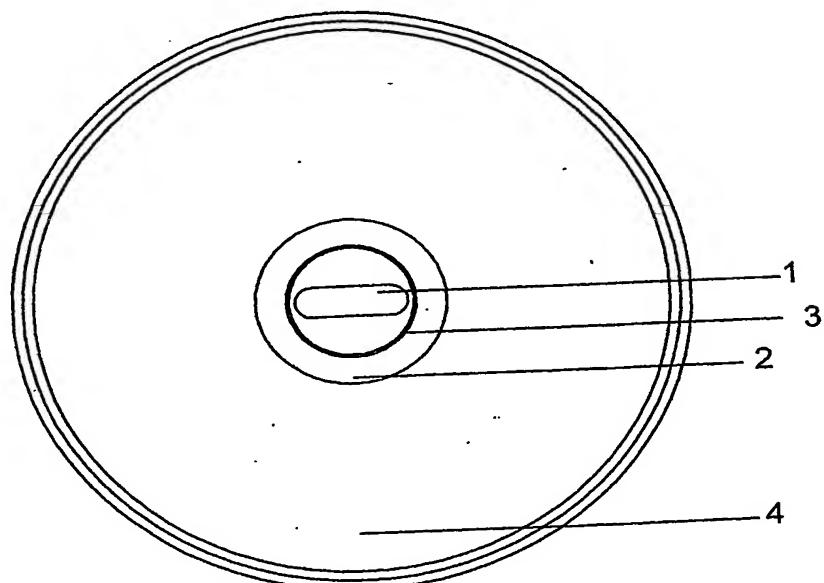
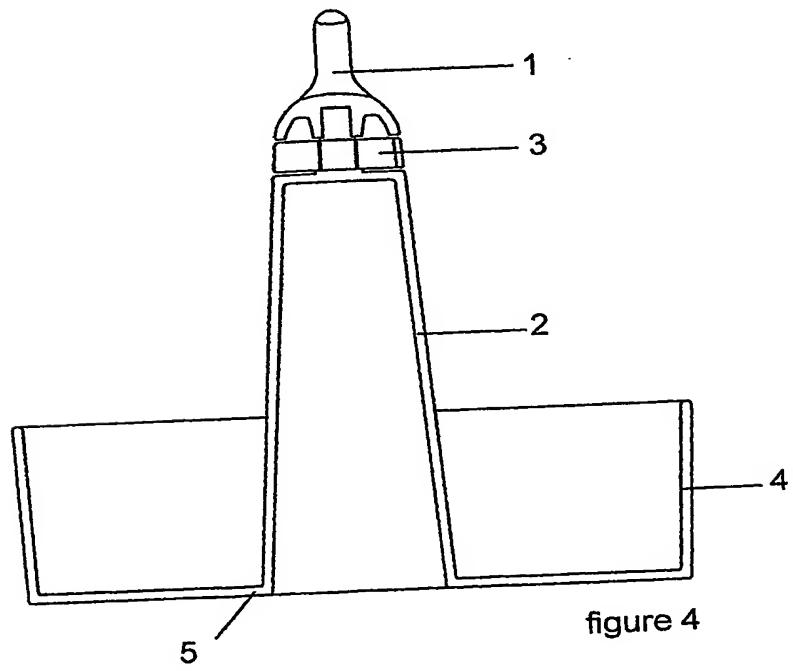
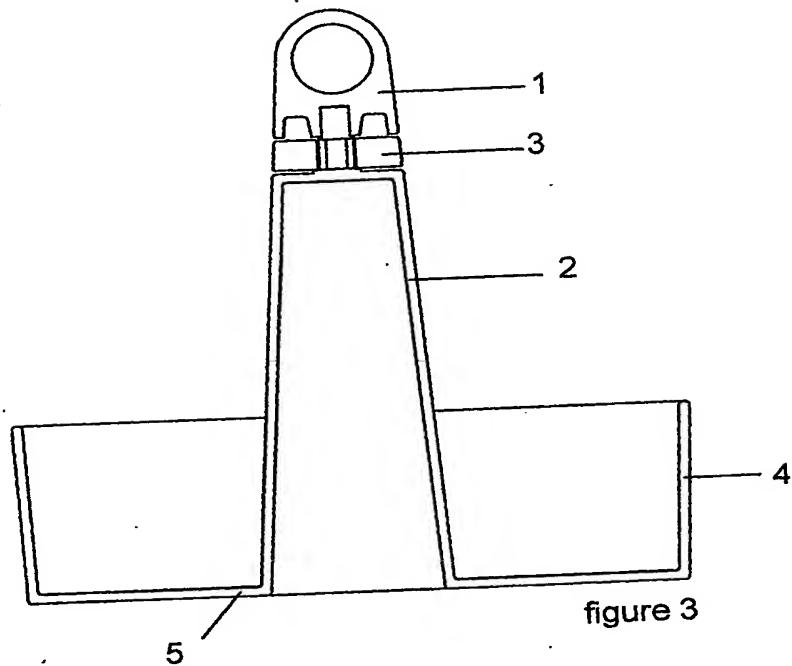


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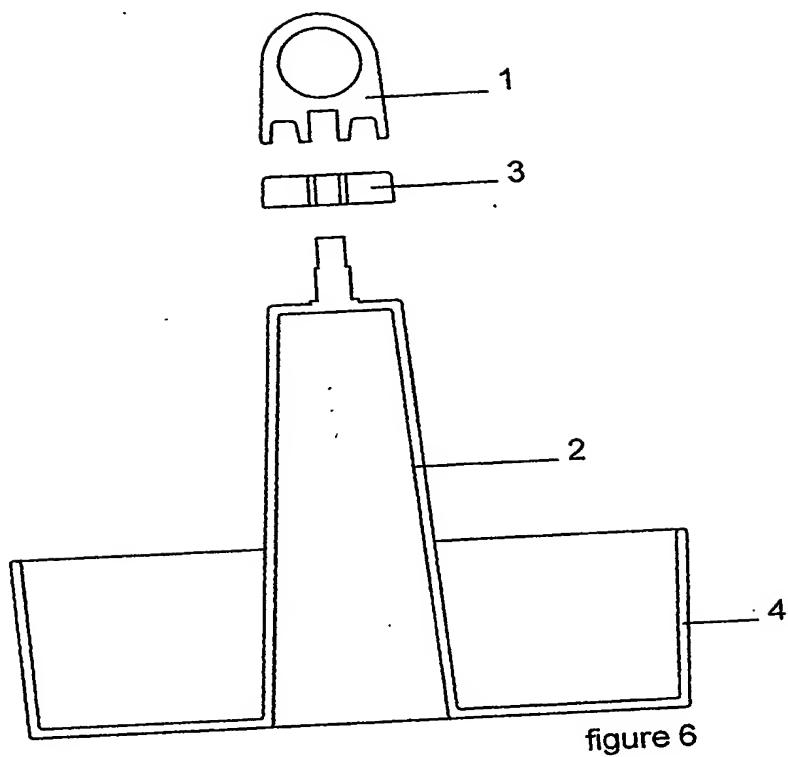


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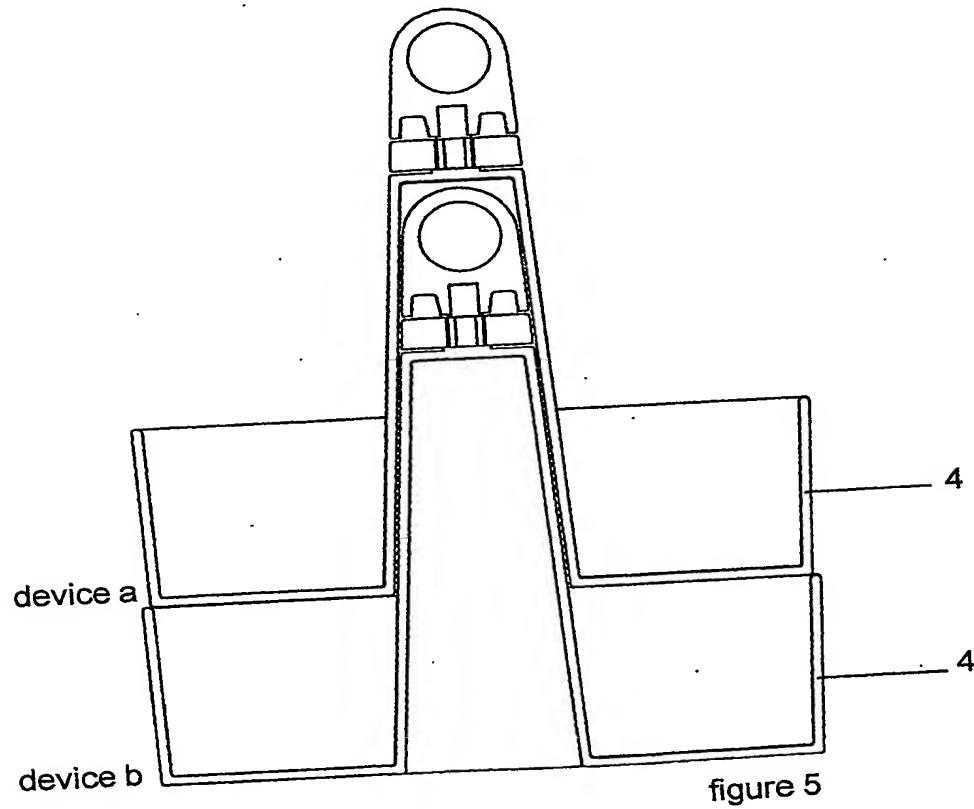


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